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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005.

Applicant has filed herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and appropriate fee.

By the Office Action, the Examiner noted an error in Claim 55. This claim has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected Claims 50-51, 58, and 62-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Conley (USN 2753162). The Examiner indicated, however, that Claims 52-57, 59-61 and 67-72 would be allowable over the prior art, if those claims were rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In light of the Examiner's indication, rather than immediately address the Examiner's rejections and Applicant's belief that the rejected claims are allowable over the prior art, Applicant has elected to present claims directed to the subject-matter which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. As such, Applicant has presented new Claims 73 - 91.

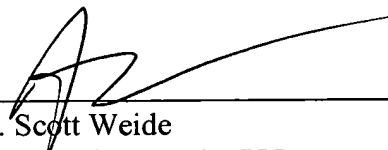
New independent Claims 73 and 80 are directed to the subject matter of original Claim 69 (and base Claim 50), which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten. Applicant asserts that Claims 70-79 and 81-91 are allowable for the reason they depend from these independent claims, and also for the reason that these dependent claims define independently patentable subject-matter. Applicant notes that various of the dependent claims are directed to the same subject-matter as the previously presented dependent claims which the Examiner indicated defined allowable subject-matter.

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Applicant asserts that these new claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice as to the same. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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